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ASA-817-02In re Application of: **H. WATANABE et al.**Application No.: **10/721,088**Filed: **November 26, 2003**For: **STORAGE SYSTEM**

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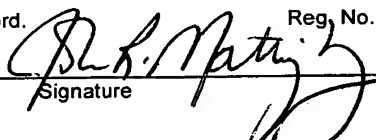
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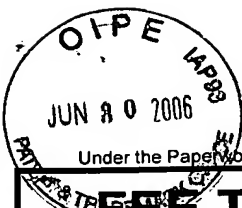
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Application Number	10/721,088
Filing Date	November 26, 2003
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Large Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1011	300	2011	150	Utility filing fee	
1012	200	2012	105	Design filing fee	
1013	200	2013	100	Plant filing fee	
1014	300	2014	150	Reissue filing fee	
1005	200	2005	100	Provisional filing fee	
1111	500	2111	250	Utility Search fee	
1112	100	2112	50	Design Search fee	
1113	300	2113	150	Plant Search fee	
1114	500	2114	250	Reissue Search fee	
1311	200	2311	100	Utility Ex. fee	
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1313	160	2313	80	Plant Ex. fee	
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SUBTOTAL (1)					0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		-20 =	x 50	=
Indep. Claims		-3 =	x 200	=
Multiple Dependent			360	=
Large Entity		Small Entity		
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20
1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	200	2204	100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	50	2205	25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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Large Entity Small Entity

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1081	250	2081	125	Utility Application Size fee - for each 50 over 100
1082	250	2082	125	Design Application Size fee - for each 50 over 100
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month
1253	1020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	1000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	500	2452	250	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,500	2453	750	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,400	2501	700	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	800	2502	400	Design issue fee
1503	1,100	2503	550	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application.

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

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